SENATE BILL 3567 By Person, Curtis

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6, relative to reporting certain information to the board of medical examiners.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63-6-101, is amended by adding a new subdivision (a)(5), as follows:

(a)

(5) The board is authorized to promulgate public necessity rules to require physicians who supervise nurse practitioners who have been issued a certificate of fitness pursuant to § 63-7-123 and physician assistants licensed and providing services pursuant to § 63-19-106 to report certain information the board deems necessary on a periodic basis that will allow the board to provide necessary oversight of the physician supervision provided to a certified nurse practitioner or physician assistant.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63-6-214(b), is amended by adding a new subdivision (23), as follows:

- (23) (A) Acting as a supervising physician for a certified nurse practitioner unless the physician has the experience or expertise in the same area of medicine as the nurse practitioner; or
- (B) Acting as a supervising physician for a physician assistant unless it is within the usual scope of practice of the supervising physician.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.